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Gamergate2 is proof of an unethical media and government censorship

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Update: i went to their discord. i was banned instantly

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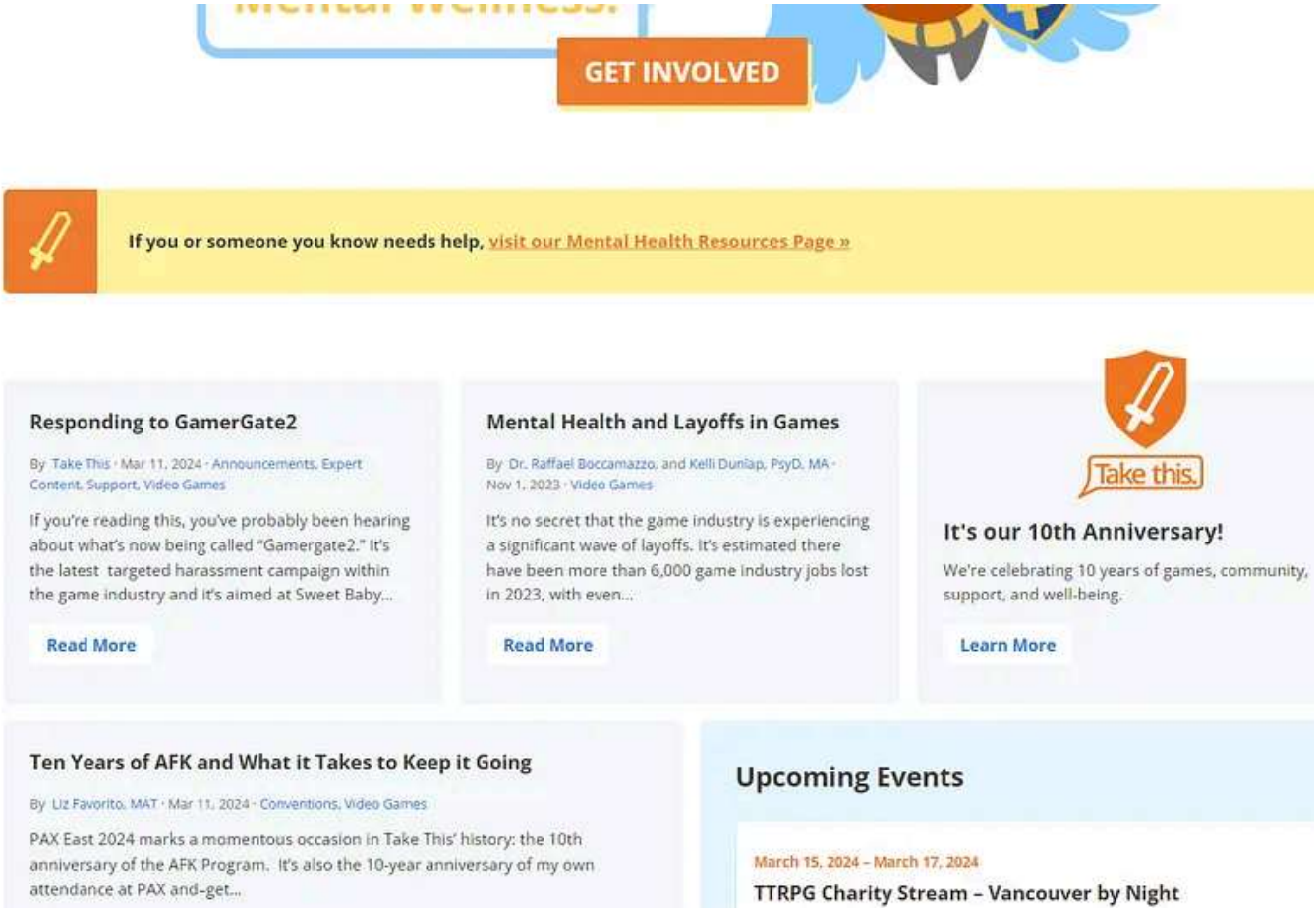
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This is not true.

on February 29th of 2024. the narrative consultant group called Sweet Baby inc engaged in targeted harassment.

chris kindred
@itskindred

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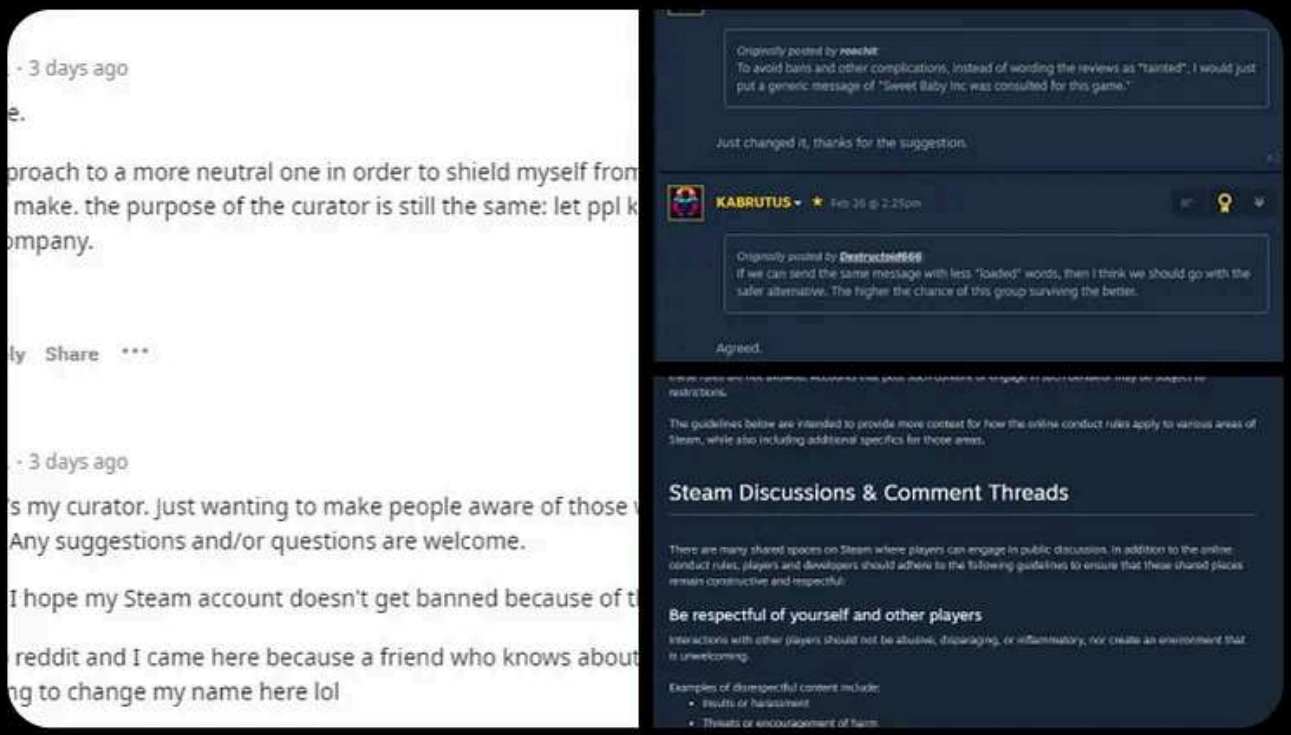
The @Steam curator harassment group Sweet Baby Inc detected is lead by this person, @kabrutusrambo. Here's them trying to be slick so they don't get reported. Even with the discriminatory language filed off, the group itself still fails the code of conduct.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proach to a more neutral one in order to shield myself from
make. the purpose of the curator is still the same: let ppl k
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s my curator. Just wanting to make people aware of those
Any suggestions and/or questions are welcome.
I hope my Steam account doesn't get banned because of t
reddit and I came here because a friend who knows about
ng to change my name here lol
Originally posted by zoachit:
To avoid bans and other complications, instead of wording the reviews as "tainted", I would just put a generic message of "Sweet Baby Inc was consulted for this game."
Just changed it, thanks for the suggestion.
KABRUTUS
Originally posted by Destructoid666
If we can send the same message with less "loaded" words, then I think we should go with the safer alternative. The higher the chance of this group surviving the better.
Agreed.
The guidelines below are intended to provide more context for how the online conduct rules apply to various areas of Steam, while also including additional specifics for those areas.
Steam Discussions & Comment Threads
There are many shared spaces on Steam where players can engage in public discussion. In addition to the online conduct rules, players and developers should adhere to the following guidelines to ensure that these shared places remain constructive and respectful:
Be respectful of yourself and other players
Interactions with other players should not be abusive, disparaging, or inflammatory, nor create an environment that is unwelcoming.
Examples of disrespectful content include:
• Insults or harassment
• Threats or encouragement of harm

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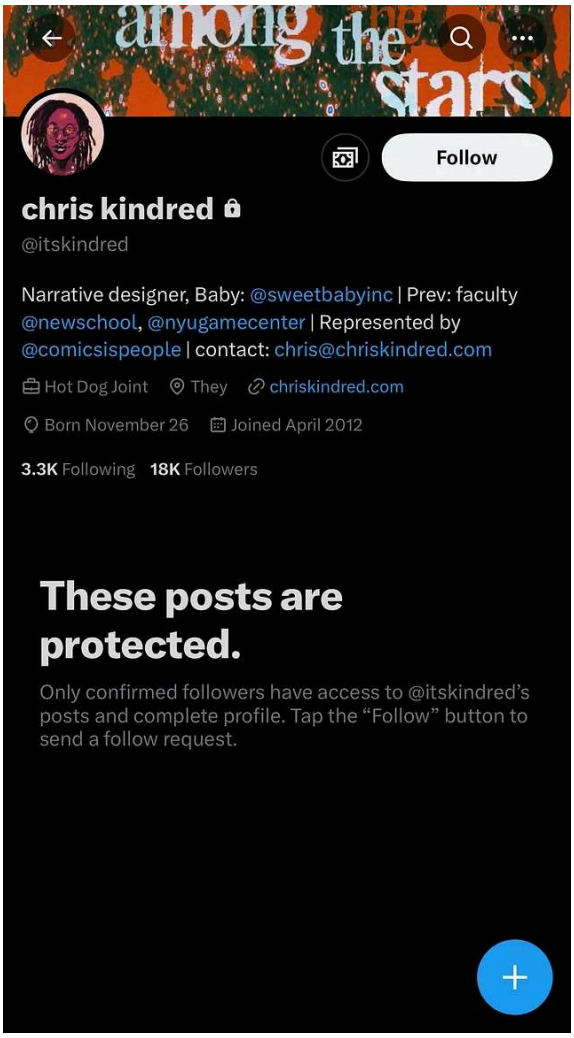
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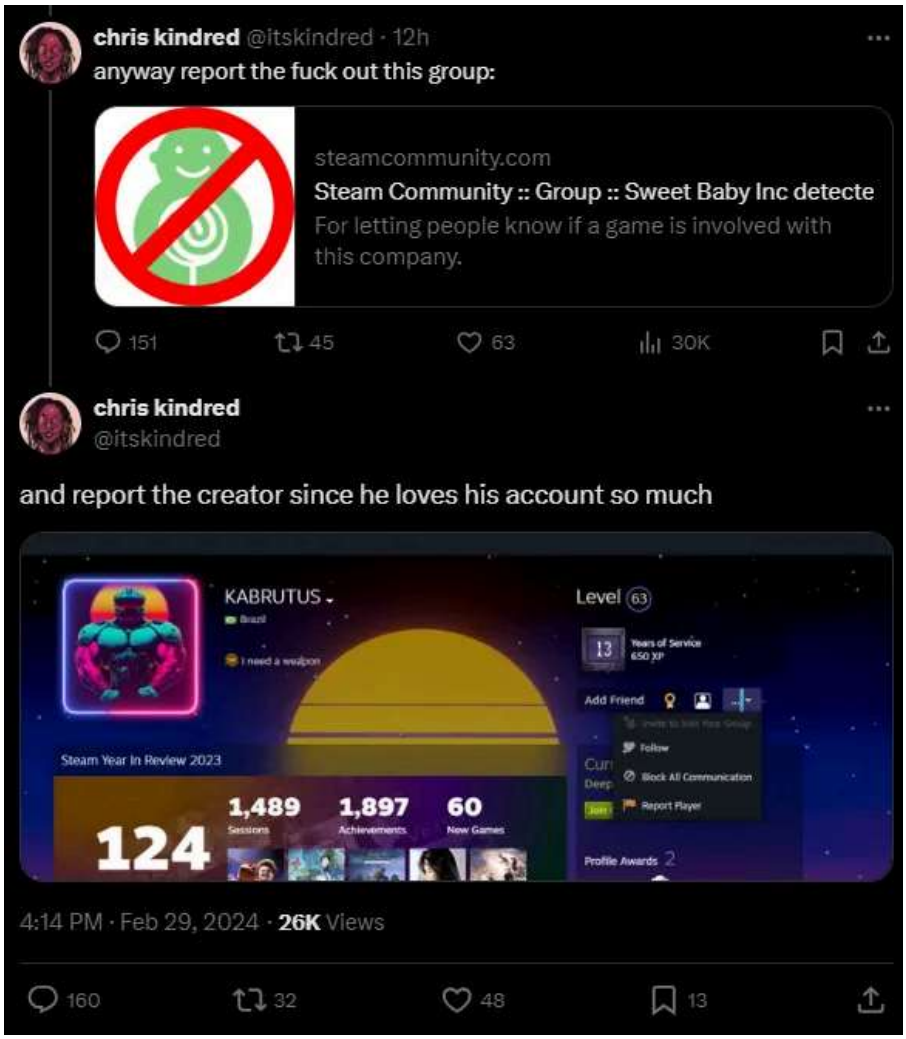
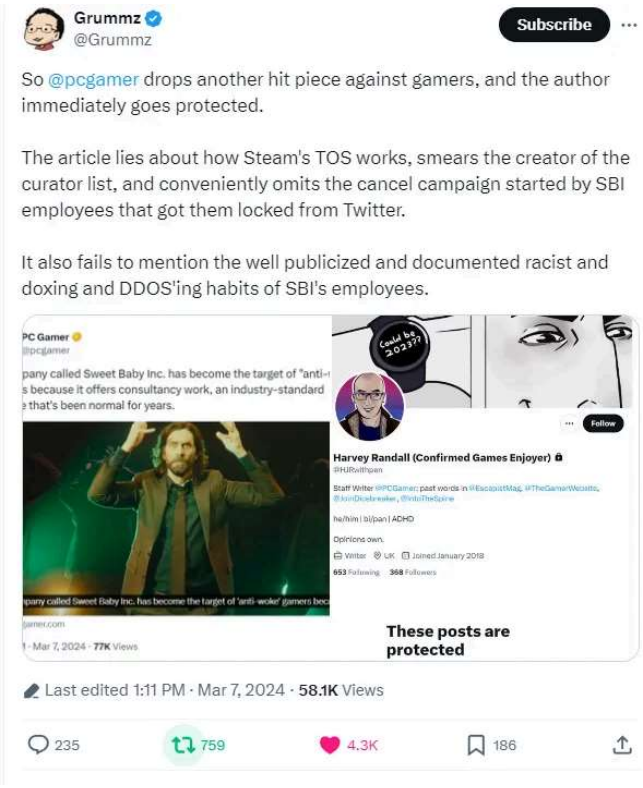


Gamers didn't like this.

and for their standing up to harassment we now have Gamergate 2

below are a collection of images. that show that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So @pcgamer drops another hit piece against gamers, and the author immediately goes protected.
The article lies about how Steam's TOS works, smears the creator of the curator list, and conveniently omits the cancel campaign started by SBI employees that got them locked from Twitter.
It also fails to mention the well publicized and documented racist and doxing and DDOS'ing habits of SBI's employees.
PC Gamer
@pcgamer
Harvey Randall (Confirmed Games Enjoyer)
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Grant K. Roberts
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Grant K. Roberts
@gkr
Great Big Baby, @SweetBabyInc • ex-@splashdamage, @RocksteadyGames, @Bungie, etc. • Black Lives Matter • Trans rights are human rights • he/him
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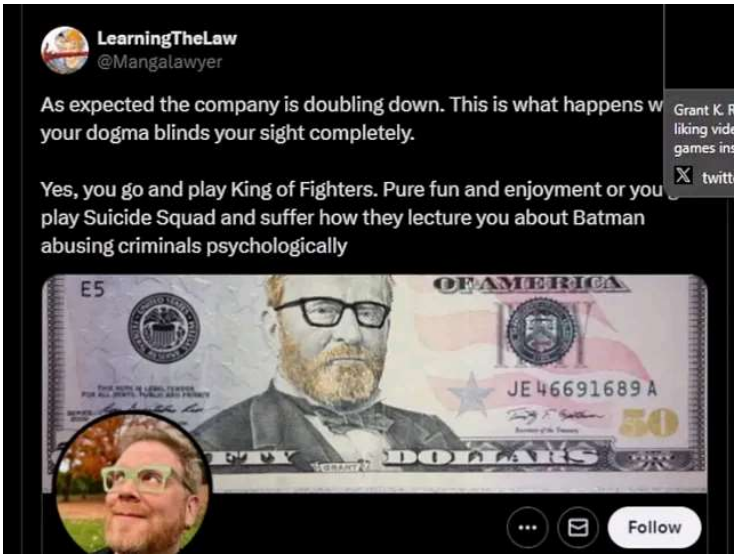
LearningTheLaw
@Mangalawyer
As expected the company is doubling down. This is what happens w
your dogma blinds your sight completely.
Yes, you go and play King of Fighters. Pure fun and enjoyment or you
play Suicide Squad and suffer how they lecture you about Batman abusing criminals psychologically
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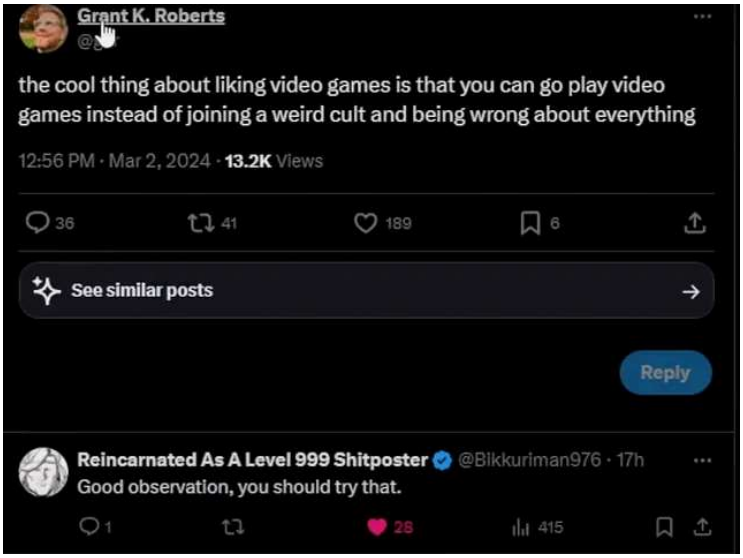
Grant K. Roberts
the cool thing about liking video games is that you can go play video games instead of joining a weird cult and being wrong about everything
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Reply
Reincarnated As A Level 999 Shitposter @Bikkuriman976 · 17h
Good observation, you should try that.
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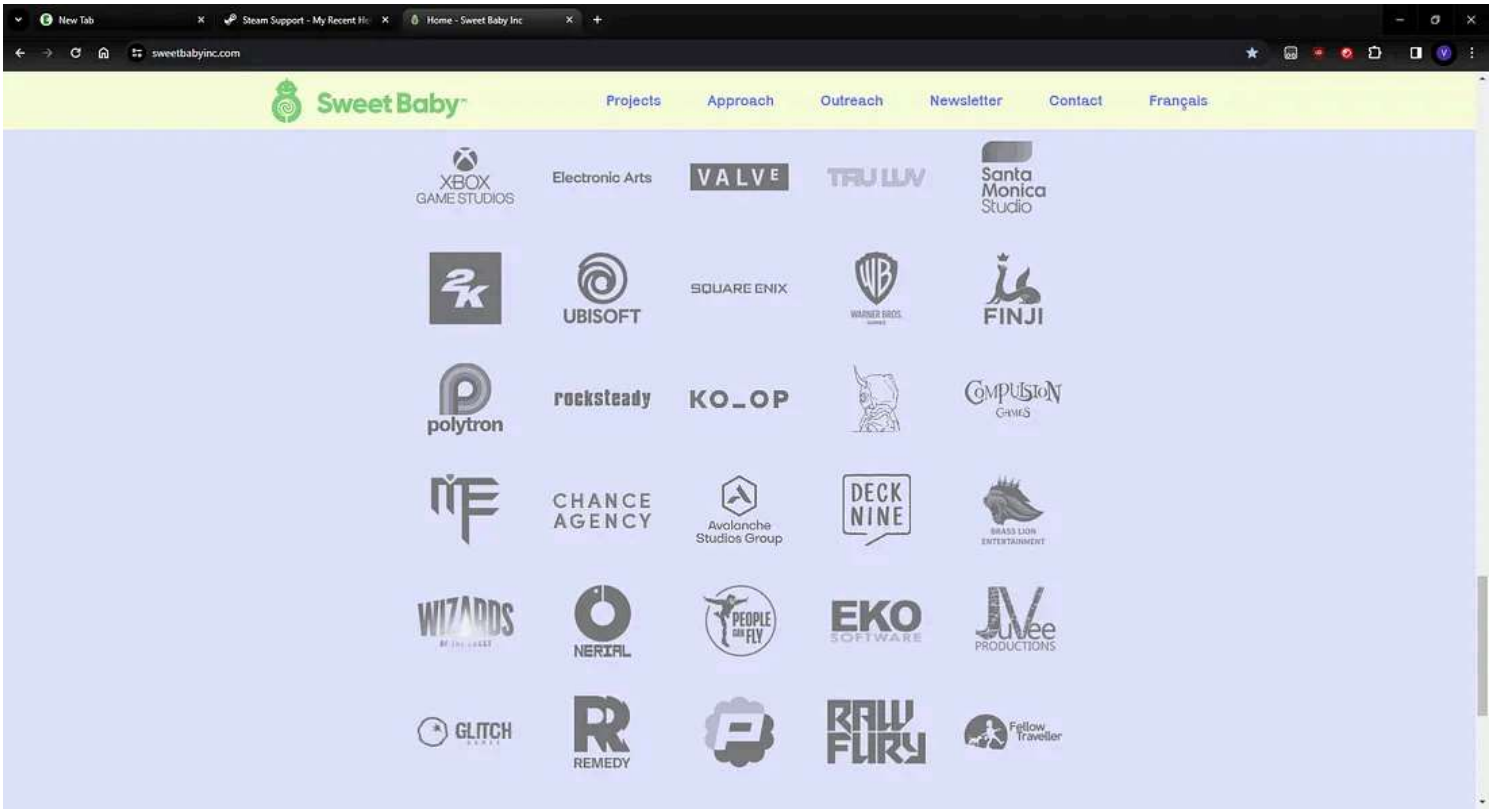
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Electronic Arts
VALVE
TRU LUV
Santa Monica Studio
UBISOFT
SQUARE ENIX
FINJI
polytron
rocksteady
KO_OP
COMPULSION GAMES
CHANCE AGENCY
Avalanche Studios Group
DECK NINE
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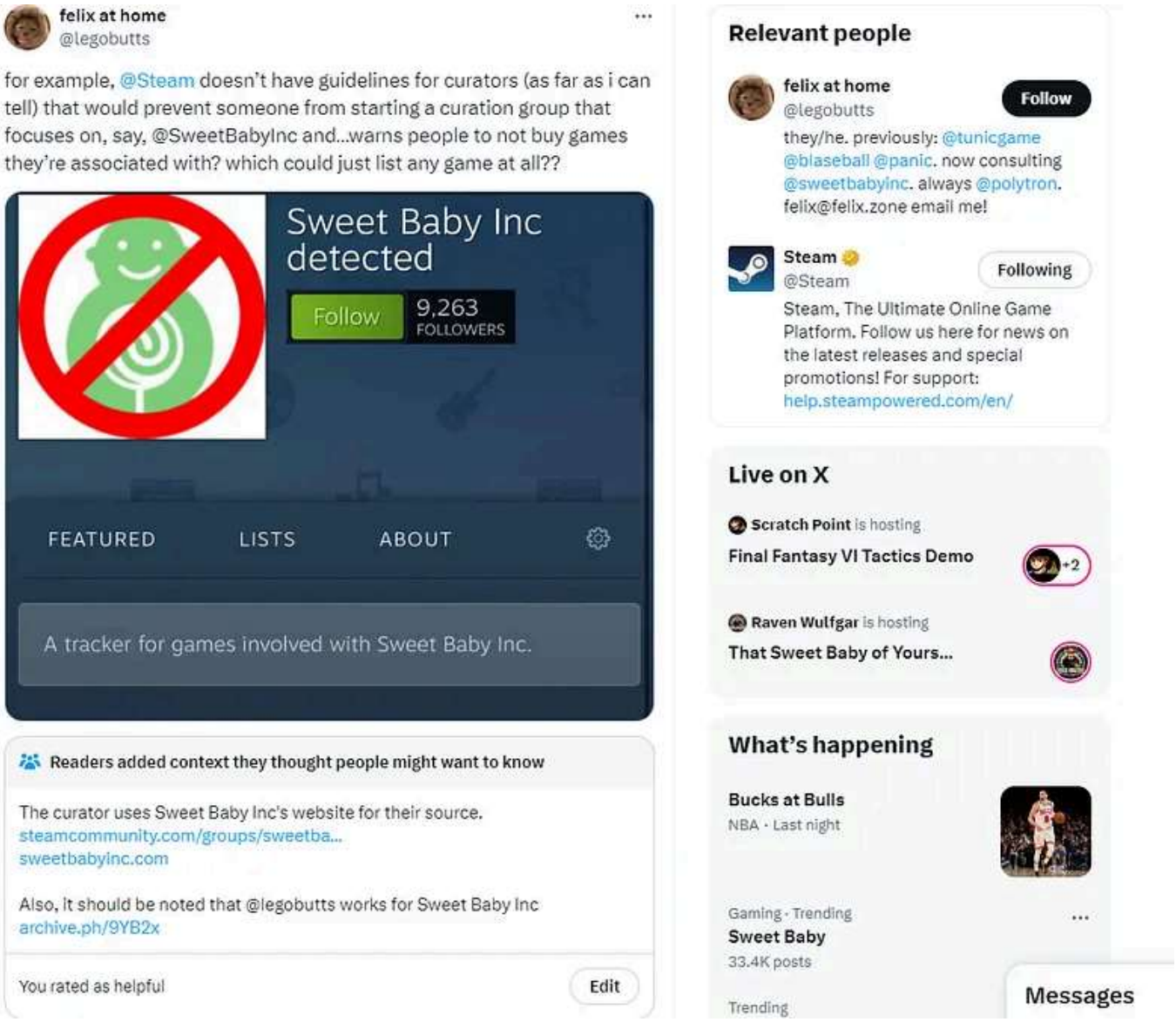
felix at home
@legobutts
for example, @Steam doesn't have guidelines for curators (as far as i can tell) that would prevent someone from starting a curation group that focuses on, say, @SweetBabyInc and...warns people to not buy games they're associated with? which could just list any game at all??
Sweet Baby Inc detected
Follow
9,263 FOLLOWERS
FEATURED
LISTS
ABOUT
A tracker for games involved with Sweet Baby Inc.
Readers added context they thought people might want to know
The curator uses Sweet Baby Inc's website for their source.
steamcommunity.com/groups/sweetba...
sweetbabyinc.com
Also, it should be noted that @legobutts works for Sweet Baby Inc
archive.ph/9YB2x
You rated as helpful
Edit
Relevant people
felix at home
@legobutts
Follow
they/he. previously: @tunicgame @blaseball @panic. now consulting @sweetbabyinc. always @polytron. felix@felix.zone email me!
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Final Fantasy VI Tactics Demo
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Raven Wulfgar is hosting
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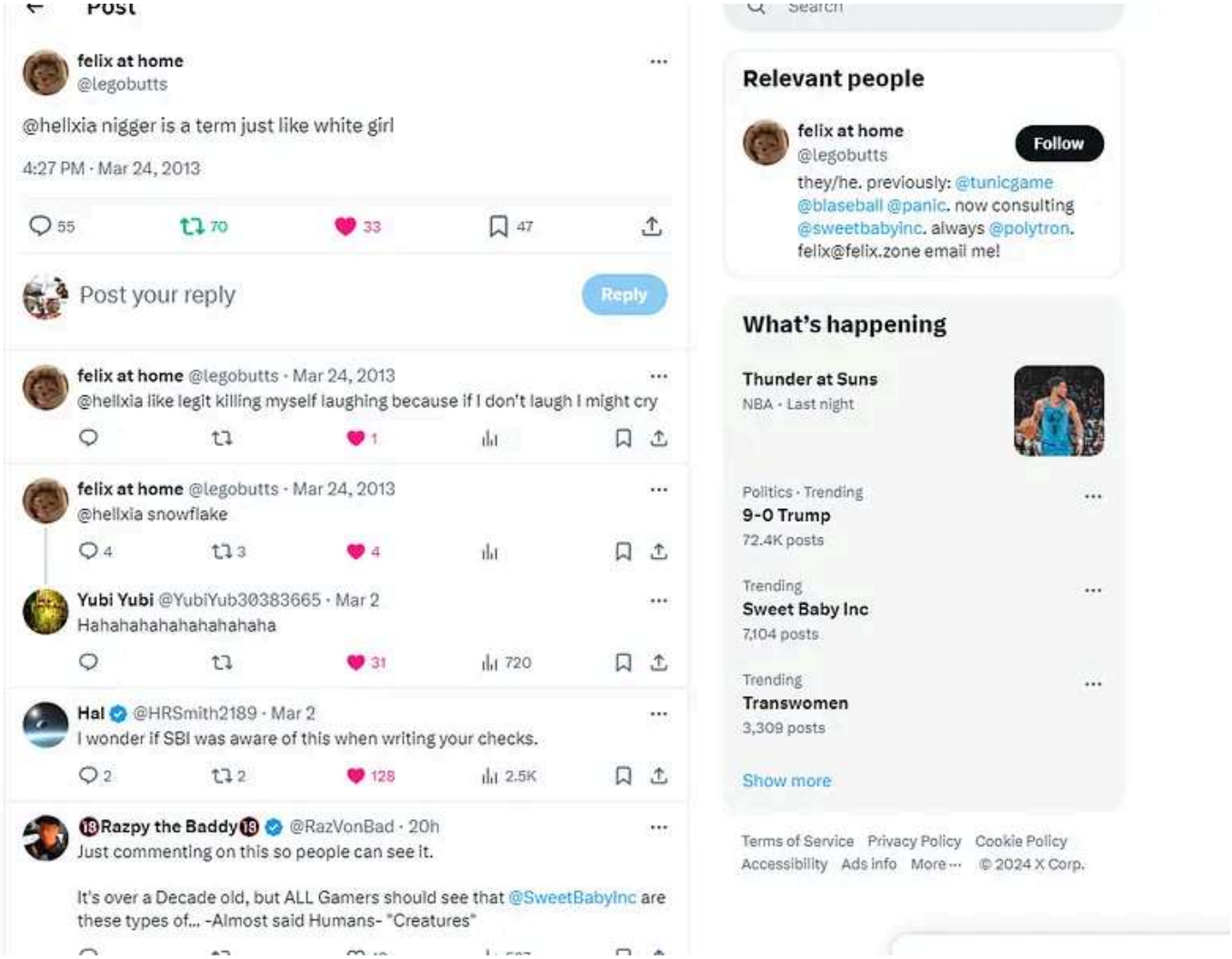

yes. the people of sweet baby, that want to take Video Games to a better and more inclusive direction are... this.

it was about an unethical media and the unethical media are doing the same thing again.

and let’s think back to gamergate.

it was not nor ever will be a harassment group. in fact, those against gamergate were harassers. professional and were a harassment group.

GamerGate Book Interview with Liana Kerzner

gamergate #gaming #feminismTachyon interviews games journalist and feminist media critic Liana Kerzner (@RedLianaK)...

www.youtube.com

those against gamergate were and still are very racist, individuals that project.

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Hi, Todd Johnson! #gamergate # not your threat
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@_Shadowsight
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#GamerGate
10/13/14, 12:17 PM

(Almost) Everything You Know About GamerGate is Wrong

Harassment campaign? Misogynist hate mob? Alt-right test run? It's much more complicated.

medium.com

there's even an FBI report showing gamergate is not guilty of what the rest of the world said.

https://vault.fbi.gov/gamergate

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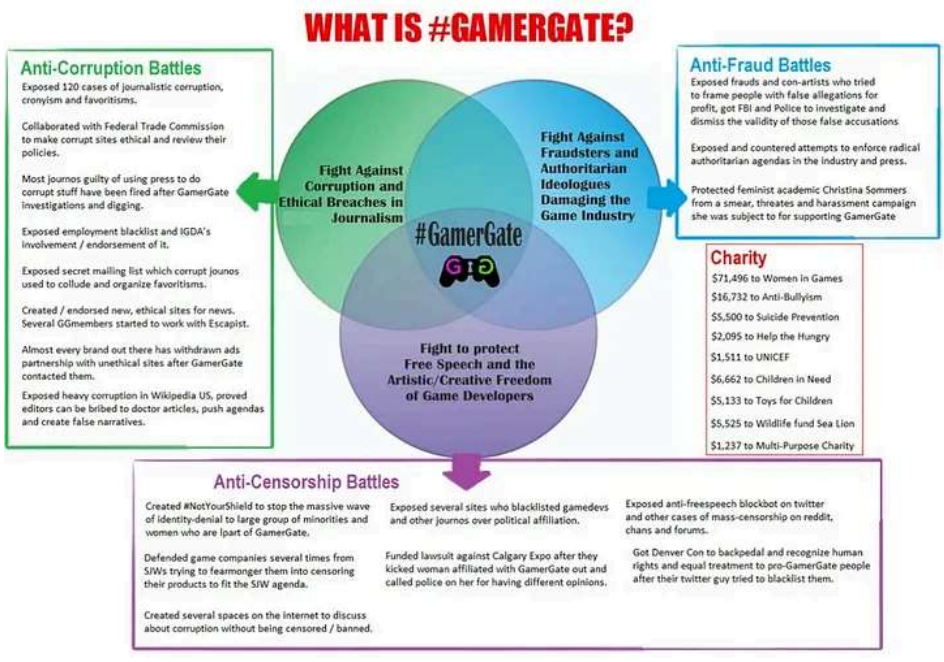
♡❤SABINE❤♡ @ThatSabineGirl 1h
#Gamergate now harassing devs of That Dragon Cancer looking for financial ties bcos ppl they hate said it's a really interesting game.
liz f
@lizzyf620
Care to comment on this then, @ThatSabineGirl ?
Top Tweet
Ryan
@ryangreen8
Hey all, we have not received any direct harassment or threats from #gamergate or anyone else. #thatdragoncancer
11:21 PM · 17 Nov 14
♡❤SABINE❤♡
@ThatSabineGirl
You really are a shitstain. How's that for a response? @lizzyf620
Dear #Gamergate,
FUCK OFF.
And FUCK YOU.
luv, Sabz
1:13 PM · 18 Nov 14

Death Chamber
@Fengxii
Follow
Oh, and to the black GGers? Fuck You too. You saw an abusive hate mob and you decided to join it. You endanger others for your own gain
RETWEETS 2
FAVORITES 2
7:47 AM - 18 Jan 2015
Death Chamber @Fengxii · 5h
You think I'm supposed to care about what any of you think now? You think any of you have credibility with me? I got nothing to say to y'all
Extrange @The_Extrange · 5h
.@Fengxii Wow, I never saw a more racist person than you. I'm glad to be #GamerGate associated if it makes expose true bigots like you.
Death Chamber @Fengxii · 5h
@The_Extrange yeah okay dude keep telling yourself that

Spencer @Thesixler 9h
@Prototype_No_07 kill your self
Spencer @Thesixler 9h
@Prototype_No_07 I don't give a shit about social justice you retarded cunt
Spencer @Thesixler 10h
@BasedCachanilla kill yourself
Spencer @Thesixler 10h
@masterninja kill yourself
Spencer @Thesixler 10h
@_RobotPanda you fucking idiots are the only ones dumb enough to consider me a comedian. Kill yourself


WHAT IS #GAMERGATE?
Anti-Corruption Battles
Exposed 120 cases of journalistic corruption, cronyism and favoritisms.
Collaborated with Federal Trade Commission to make corrupt sites ethical and review their policies.
Most journos guilty of using press to do corrupt stuff have been fired after GamerGate investigations and digging.
Exposed employment blacklist and IGDA's involvement / endorsement of it.
Exposed secret mailing list which corrupt jounos used to collude and organize favoritisms.
Created / endorsed new, ethical sites for news. Several GGmembers started to work with Escapist.
Almost every brand out there has withdrawn ads partnership with unethical sites after GamerGate contacted them.
Exposed heavy corruption in Wikipedia US, proved editors can be bribed to doctor articles, push agendas and create false narratives.
Fight Against Corruption and Ethical Breaches in Journalism
Fight Against Fraudsters and Authoritarian Ideologues Damaging the Game Industry
#GamerGate
Fight to protect Free Speech and the Artistic/Creative Freedom of Game Developers
Anti-Fraud Battles
Exposed frauds and con-artists who tried to frame people with false allegations for profit, got FBI and Police to investigate and dismiss the validity of those false accusations
Exposed and countered attempts to enforce radical authoritarian agendas in the industry and press.
Protected feminist academic Christina Sommers from a smear, threates and harassment campaign she was subject to for supporting GamerGate
Charity
$71,496 to Women in Games
$16,732 to Anti-Bullyism
$5,500 to Suicide Prevention
$2,095 to Help the Hungry
$1,511 to UNICEF
$6,662 to Children in Need
$5,133 to Toys for Children
$5,525 to Wildlife fund Sea Lion
$1,237 to Multi-Purpose Charity
Anti-Censorship Battles
Created #NotYourShield to stop the massive wave of identity-denial to large group of minorities and women who are part of GamerGate.
Defended game companies several times from SJWs trying to fearmonger them into censoring their products to fit the SJW agenda.
Created several spaces on the internet to discuss about corruption without being censored / banned.
Exposed several sites who blacklisted gamedevs and other journos over political affiliation.
Funded lawsuit against Calgary Expo after they kicked woman affiliated with GamerGate out and called police on her for having different opinions.
Exposed anti-freespeech blockbot on twitter and other cases of mass-censorship on reddit, chans and forums.
Got Denver Con to backpedal and recognize human rights and equal treatment to pro-GamerGate people after their twitter guy tried to blacklist them.

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#GamerGate
10/13/14, 12:17 PM

Arthur Chu
@arthur_affect
Follow
I've gone from "wouldn't piss on GG if you were on fire" to "would hold it for an hour until the flames went out then piss on the ashes"
9/6/15, 2:47 AM
6 RETWEETS 36 FAVORITES
0 words

Azure @aguyuno · 10h
#GamerGate freaking out so hard about the buzzfeed article, like "woah you mean our actions have consequences???"
Azure
@aguyuno
Follow
And yes, fucks, we know the official creator wasn't actually one of you.
Fun fact: That's irrelevant.
RETWEETS 15
LIKES 14
11:23 PM - 14 Nov 2015
Bomb Chu
Reports that this is one of the brothers that carried out the blessed #ParisAttacks
612 19:18
Sky TG24 @SkyTG24 · 9 h
L'#Isis pubblica la foto di un presunto kamikaze responsabile degli attacchi a #Parigi: sky.tg/1adk

GAMES
Stardock CEO, League of Legends Devs, Others Support #GamerGate
BY WILLIAM USHER 2014-09-16 07:48:49 COMMENTS
FACEBOOK TWITTER STUMBLE E-MAIL
I MADE THIS LAUNCH TEAM 2013
#GAMER GATE
Small batches of developers from various studios are coming forward to pledge their support for the #GamerGate movement. These game-makers feel as if the industry needs a desperate change and have spoken up.

Boring old Jay Allen @a_man_in_black · 9h
If I'm hearing from ostensibly progressive game devs "stop belaboring GG's obvious flaws" followed by "actually GG are the mistreated ones"
15
23

Boring old Jay Allen
@a_man_in_black
Follow
what the fuck have I been doing all this time?
RETWEETS 23
FAVORITES 33
12:44 AM - 27 Apr 2015

Big Stank Dick Dad @TheLOTDreport · Jun 30
Yes. @SJWsnoke Your throwing of two year shitfits over all those filthy women and minorities in #gamergate sure shows us!
Supreme SJW Snoke @SJWsnoke · Jun 30
All ten of them! All in the hate group with the overwhelming whiny white male majority.
I'm such a baaaaaad brown gay man >:)
@TheLOTDreport
DJ 4/4 Musicman
@jarod_frye
Following
@SJWsnoke @TheLOTDreport
0:04
RETWEET
1
LIKES
6
9:48 AM - 30 Jun 2016
New Jersey, USA
Reply to @jarod_frye @SJWsnoke
Supreme SJW Snoke @SJWsnoke · Jun 30
I'm sorry you thought joining and sticking with a gaming hate group was a good idea :c
@jarod_frye @TheLOTDreport

and now i have every reason to believe that yes, the DHS is responding to “gamergate2” as a serious threat. BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT IS FULL OF MORONS.

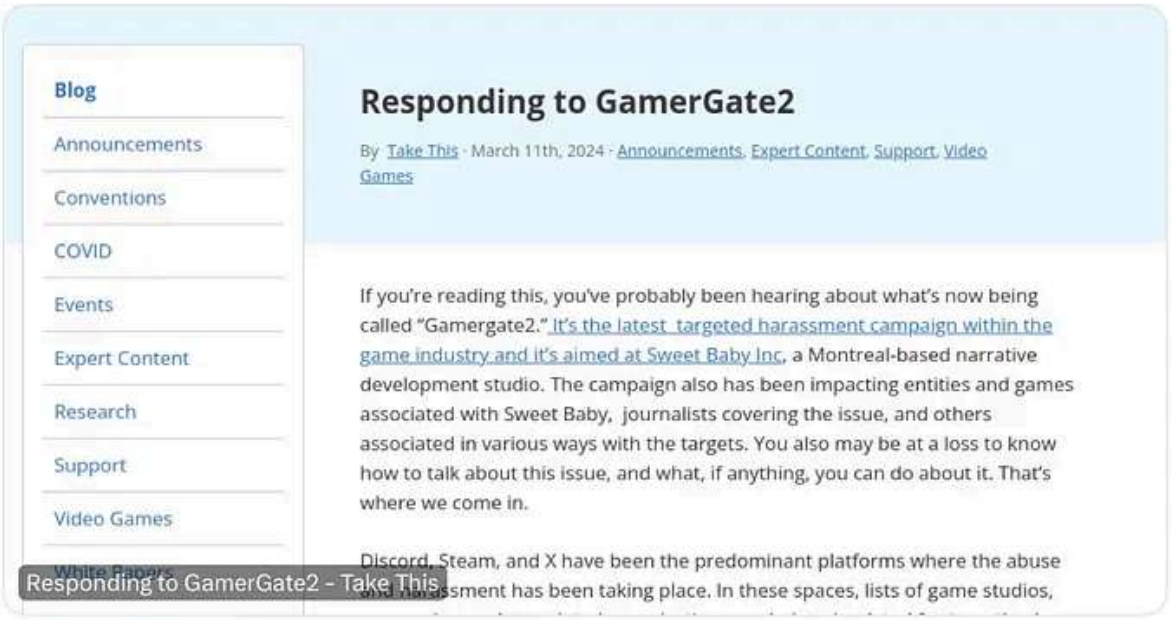
it is not aimed at sweet baby inc. the opposite of harassment is happeing. saying that Sweet Baby inc worked on games and some people think that’s a sign of bad quality, that’s not harassment.

that’s the opposite.

SWEET BABY INC ENGAGED IN TARGETED HARASSMENT and racism and people just want accountability.

Alex "The Hatman" Baldwin
@TheHat2

DHS-funded Take This officially calls it Gamergate 2, and also calls it a "harassment campaign."
Folks, it's happening again.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Discord, Steam, and X have been the predominant platforms where the abuse
Responding to GamerGate2 - Take This

From archive.ph

r/KotakuInAction · 8 days ago
HonkingHoser

So apparently one of the funding companies behind Sweet Baby Inc was founded by Eileen Holowka

https://archive.is/3rEH4

Baby Ghosts, which is a subsidiary of Weird Ghosts apparently, is a funding program for "underrepresented" groups of game developers in Canada. So basically this is one ESG grift that is helping fund another ESG grift in SBI. From my initial reading, one of the founders of Baby Ghosts parent companies is none other than a "former Night in the Woods developer". Well, I wonder who that would be?

But maybe not so surprising is that one of the co-founders of Baby Ghosts themselves is the sister of late Night in the Woods developer Alec Holowka. GG veterans will remember Alec, but those who aren't familiar with the story, well, he was driven to suicide by abuse from his

Read more ∨

Mike Benz
@MikeBenzCyber
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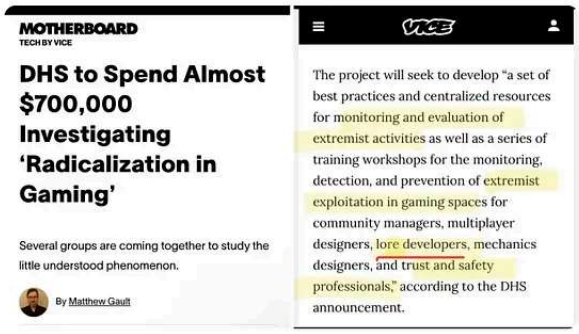
DHS is literally going after "lore developers" to make sure the lore they put in video games doesn't make gamers become anti-woke 'radicals'

(yes, all the grantees in this program focus on 'right-wing extremism' which they define as basically meaning agreeing w/ @libsoftiktok)


MOTHERBOARD
TECH BY VICE
DHS to Spend Almost $700,000 Investigating 'Radicalization in Gaming'
Several groups are coming together to study the little understood phenomenon.
By Matthew Gault
VICE
The project will seek to develop "a set of best practices and centralized resources for monitoring and evaluation of extremist activities as well as a series of training workshops for the monitoring, detection, and prevention of extremist exploitation in gaming spaces for community managers, multiplayer designers, lore developers, mechanics designers, and trust and safety professionals," according to the DHS announcement.

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I don’t care about Mike Benz and their comments on libsof tiktok. i have problems with that account because they’re no better than what they decry. Libs of tiktok is irrelevant.

but what is true. is that the department of homeland security is trying to meddle in private companies.

That news organizations are lying to your face and lie by omission. and they’ve been doing it for years.

when anti gamergate tells people to DIE.
it’s bad.

84% 10:18 PM
Tweet
Renay M.
@renaymo
die.
A Cat in Dandy @The_Extrange
Prove it.
Signed: gamers
#Gamergate twitter.com/renaymo/status...
10:17 PM · 26 Oct 15

Reply to Renay M.

All of this for reasons i dare not speculate.

All that matters is that it's wrong.

Gamergate recieved threats, not the other way around.

Anita sarkesian only got threats from a Brazillian blogger that were non actionable. and Anita is a gaslighting terf who uses blood and soil rhetoric against Israel.

a lot of the Equitists are like this. what most call "woke'. the woke are dangerous.

Anita Sarkeesian
@anitasarkeesian

Israel did not exist until 73 years ago when they were a settler colony that took over Palestine and have been violently maintaining their position ever since. If you don't know this history here is a good primer to get you started: instagram.com/p/CNz9-5tMkso/...

'Israel' isn't a country?
No, they are a settler colony. Settler colonialism is a form of colonialism that seeks to replace the native population of the colonised land with a new society of settlers. This is what 'Israel' is. Palestine is the country they are colonising.
@key48return

11:07 AM · May 11, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

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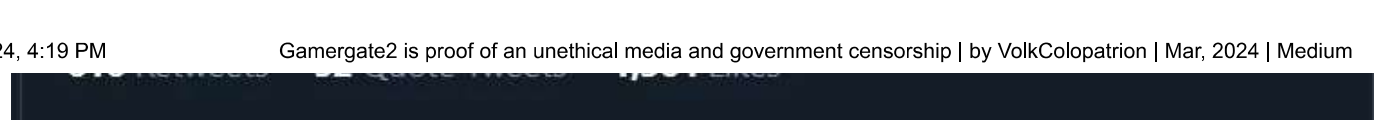

Zoe Quinn a liar. my other articles go in to it. even has blood on her hands as a cluster b abuser.

Even lying on a blood donation form.

●●○○○ Verizon
9:59 PM
Tweet
Melissa @MissaMHx 9m
@TheQuinnspiracy That's what's irresponsible. Promoting the position it's ok to lie when donating blood is reckless and stupid. Sorry.
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gay blood criminal @TheQuinnspi... 8m
@MissaMHx If I had said "everyone should do this" you'd have a point. I didn't. I said in a one-to-one convo that I had previously.
gay blood criminal @TheQuinnspi... 7m
@MissaMHx in an effort, in the context of that specific conversation, to discuss how the old regulation was unenforceable.
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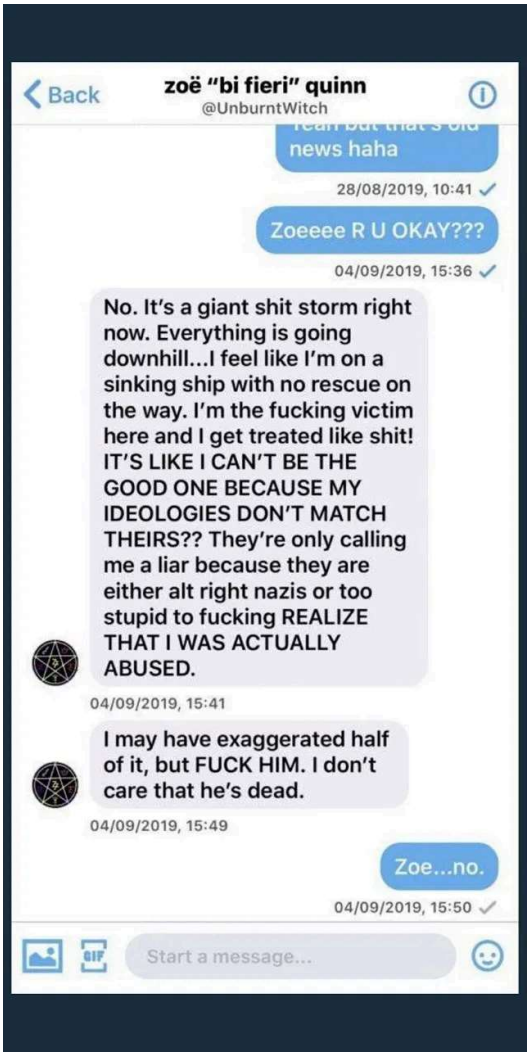
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zoë "bi fieri" quinn
@UnburntWitch
news haha
28/08/2019, 10:41
Zoeeee R U OKAY???
04/09/2019, 15:36
No. It's a giant shit storm right now. Everything is going downhill...I feel like I'm on a sinking ship with no rescue on the way. I'm the fucking victim here and I get treated like shit! IT'S LIKE I CAN'T BE THE GOOD ONE BECAUSE MY IDEOLOGIES DON'T MATCH THEIRS?? They're only calling me a liar because they are either alt right nazis or too stupid to fucking REALIZE THAT I WAS ACTUALLY ABUSED.
04/09/2019, 15:41
I may have exaggerated half of it, but FUCK HIM. I don't care that he's dead.
04/09/2019, 15:49
Zoe...no.
04/09/2019, 15:50
Start a message...

Zoe Quin falsely accused Alec Holowka (creator of night in the woods) in to suicide. the money from his death and inheritence. goes in to Sweet Baby Inc.

r/KotakuInAction • 8 days ago
HonkingHoser
So apparently one of the funding companies behind Sweet Baby Inc was founded by Eileen Holowka
https://archive.is/3rEH4
Baby Ghosts, which is a subsidiary of Weird Ghosts apparently, is a funding program for "underrepresented" groups of game developers in Canada. So basically this is one ESG grift that is helping fund another ESG grift in SBI. From my initial reading, one of the founders of Baby Ghosts parent companies is none other than a "former Night in the Woods developer". Well, I wonder who that would be?
But maybe not so surprising is that one of the co-founders of Baby Ghosts themselves is the sister of late Night in the Woods developer Alec Holowka. GG veterans will remember Alec, but those who aren't familiar with the story, well, he was driven to suicide by abuse from his

The media also lied about pewdiepie.

Polygon lied and enticed abuse.

quoted from one of the few sites that covered the issue.

> *“Firewatch Developer Sean Vanaman vs The Infuriated Gaming Masses*
> *As you might imagine all this did not go over well with the gaming masses who almost immediately started attacking the ever living shit out of Campo Santo, including efforts to DDoS their entire site off the face of reality as well as review bombing every game they’ve ever produced back into the stone age. Pewds*

> *meanwhile offered up an overly sincere apology video and even conceded to Campo Santo's DMCA demands to remove all his videos in which he was playing any of their games. This despite the fact that Campo Santo has giant walls of text saying they take no copyright stake in streaming videos…*

FIREWATCH
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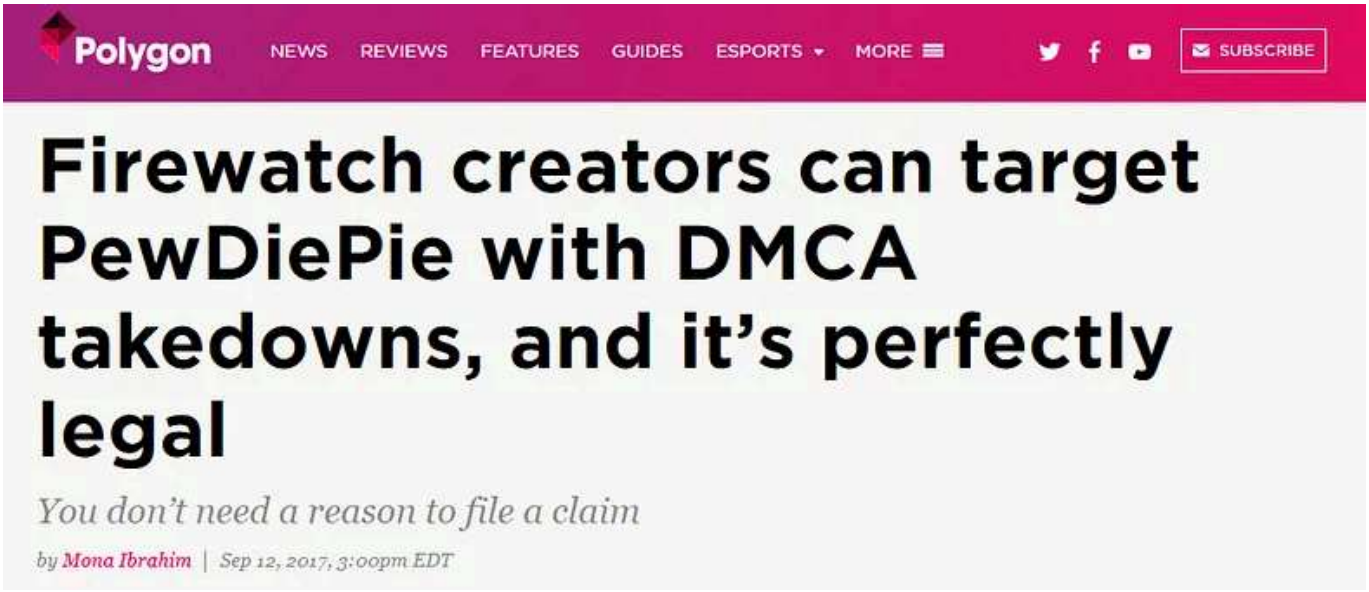
ABOUT FIREWATCH
MERCHANDISE
Can I stream this game? Can I make money off of those streams?
Yes. We love that people stream and share their experiences in the game. You are free to monetize your videos as well.

> *This all of course only served to infuriate gamers further as Campo Santo and by proxy the gaming industry as a whole wound up looking like thugs trying to forcibly ass rape poor Pewds into quiet submission. A point which became even more inflamed when industry shills like Polygon jumped on the bandwagon and started shelling out overly biased articles attacking PewDiePie…*

> *Ultimately this culminated in Polygon hiring legal firm Interactive Entertainment Law Group to write an overly biased article for them in which they publicly encouraged self-incriminating actions amongst the masses in a rather failing attempt to force the gaming masses into submission in the same way that they had done to Pewds…*



> *In response to this an e-mail was sent to IE Law Group asking for an explanation to which they replied that their article was not meant as "legal advice" but that they were simply providing "general education" to the masses.*
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> *Or to put that another way it's like you have someone doing something stupid and illegal… and then that someone turns right around and says, "Oh it's okay, I'm not really doing this stupid illegal thing that I'm obviously doing right now. Just ignore the lawyer behind the curtain!" …as if simply saying, "We're not giving legal advice." somehow magically negates the fact that they are in fact giving legal advice. I mean, it's right there in the God damn title of the article!*
>
> *In this particular case they were apparently "generally educating" readers to their attempted narrative that filing DMCAs in bad faith and committing perjury was*

somehow acceptable and "perfectly legal" under the letter of the law.

PROTIP: If you're a lawyer and you tell someone that something is "perfectly legal"... you are providing legal advice.

The majority of this legal lying was of course done to try and posture the belief that the gaming industry as a whole was somehow going out of their way to support gamers and providing them with a special something that they could magically take away at any time they like and that every gamer should be grateful for their incredible back breaking generosity.

In reality however the United States Copyright Office clearly states...

> "
>
> Copyright does not protect the idea for a game, its name or title, or the method or methods for playing it. Nor does copyright protect any idea, system, method, device, or trademark material involved in developing, merchandising, or playing a game.
>
> "

In other words no gaming company has any copyright stake in your "Let's Play" videos, streams or otherwise and attempting to feign some semblance of control or allowance on their part is entirely fictional. In fact copyright, trademark and patent laws within the video game industry are some of the absolute weakest in our society (and for good reason). Nintendo recently experienced this the hard way when they couldn't even uphold the patent on their motion controller. The reason

> *the video game industry in particular is legally neutered in this regard is to forcibly prevent monopolistic business practices and to ensure open/free development within the market, rather than allowing things to stagnate and fester as they have in other industries."*

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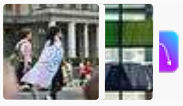

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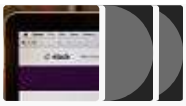

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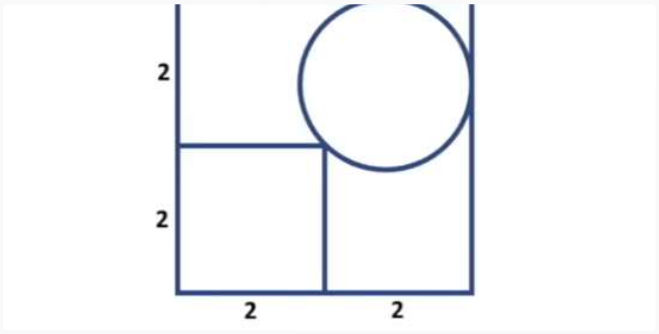

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